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Chiang Ching-kuo's visit to San Francisco aroused little interest in the Chinese and Chinese-American community. The bulk of the community consists of Chinese-Americans who are not much interested in Chinese domestic politics. At the dinner given Chiang Ching-kuo by the Six Companies, Chiang went from table to table toasting the guests at each in a great show of democracy. Chiang made no formal speech.

In past years the Kuomintang raised funds during the Double Ten celebration, but this year it did not attempt to do so.

3. US citizen of Chinese ancestry. He is strongly anti-Communist and anti-Kuomintang and is a leader in the Third Force Group in the US.

Chiang Ching-kuo's visit to San Francisco aroused little interest. In contrast to New York and Chicago where he talked freely in public, in San Francisco Chiang made no public pronouncements. He may have been trying to evade embarrassing questions from the press. The only public recognition of Chiang's visit was a dinner tendered him by the Six Companies, which was arranged by some of the local Kuomintang stalwarts: Liu Pao-chi of the Chinese Post, Huang Jen-chun alias WF Doon, also of the Post and a past president of the Six Companies, Chen Yu-chou alias Chin Dock-jew of the Six Companies, and Feng Chih alias Feng Chee of the Anti-Communist League. Chiang made no formal speech at the dinner. /Collector's note:

Chiang Ching-kuo made no effort to collect funds.

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The Kuomintang did not itself collect during the Double Ten festival but the Anti-Communist League did which is a distinction with a difference. The ostensible objective was to improve the morale of the Nationalist troops in Taiwan. The amount collected was not large. My firm was solicited and contributed US\$20. I told the solicitor I would give US\$50 when the Nationalists invaded the mainland. So far as I know only one brief reference to Chiang Ching-kuo's visit appeared in the Chinese press; I do not recall in which paper, probably the Chinese Post.

4. Chinese citizen, formerly an educationalist in Shanghai, now temporarily residing in the US. Source is strongly anti-Communist and is pro-Nationalist. He is a Christian clergyman of a Protestant denomination.

Chiang Ching-kuo captured the fancy of the Bay Area Chinese colony by his return to the classic Chinese courtesies which he combined with a modern democratic approach. His visits to each table at a banquet in his honor to drink the health of those present, his strolls along the streets in the Chinese section of San Francisco and his informal visits to the shops did much to create a favorable response. The local Chinese community is uncomfortably aware that his wife is a Russian and that Chiang himself was educated in Moscow, but despite this the San Francisco Chinese find him acceptable as Chiang Kai-shek's successor. Chiang made a speech at the banquet given him in which he followed the usual Kuomintang line - a return to the mainland which would be supported by a spontaneous uprising there. [REDACTED] Chiang was accompanied on his visit to San Francisco by TV Soong and was entertained by TA Soong at the latter's home in Piedmont.

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